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For Immediate Release:

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS RECEIVE YOUNG SCHOLAR AWARDS AT EIU

CHARLESTON -- The Phi Beta Kappa Association of East Central Illinois recently honored area high school juniors who were awarded prizes or honorable mentions in the association's Phi Beta Kappa Young Scholar Award competition.

The awards are designed to identify and honor some of the most academically talented high school juniors in east central Illinois.

"Each year for the past 15 years, our association has encouraged the principals of 200 area high schools to nominate one or two of their most academically distinguished juniors for our awards," said Frank McCormick, association president and professor of English at Eastern Illinois University.

This year's award recipients, selected based on essays written following their nominations received their honors and awards, including cash prizes, books and certificates, from McCormick during the organization's annual spring banquet, held on Eastern's campus in Charleston.

Parents and mentors also were invited, as was Scott Levi, EIU Department of History, who delivered a brief after-dinner address.

This year's winners are:

- First Prize -- Jacob Mauck, son of Larry and Cami Franz and Greg and Kim Mauck, all of Sullivan; junior at Sullivan High School. (Title of essay: "A Conversation with David Deutsch")

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- Second Prize – Crystal Hamm, daughter of Brad and Eva White of Palestine, junior at Palestine High School. (Title of essay: “Edmond Halley and the Comet”)
- Third Prize -- Elisha Miller, daughter of Larry and Martie Miller of Hindsboro, junior at Oakland High School. (Title of essay: “My Experiences Studying a Foreign Language”)

Honorable mentions went to:

- Katie Beagle, daughter of Rod and Jenny Beagle of Olney; junior at East Richland High School. (Title of essay: “Studying Latin”)
- Carrie Kagawa, daughter of Lily Kagawa of Danville, junior at Danville High School. (Title of essay: “All-American to Spanish”)
- Ashley Martin, daughter of John and Susan Martin of Farmersville, junior at Raymond Lincolnwood High School, Raymond. (Title of essay: “There’s No Place Like Home”)